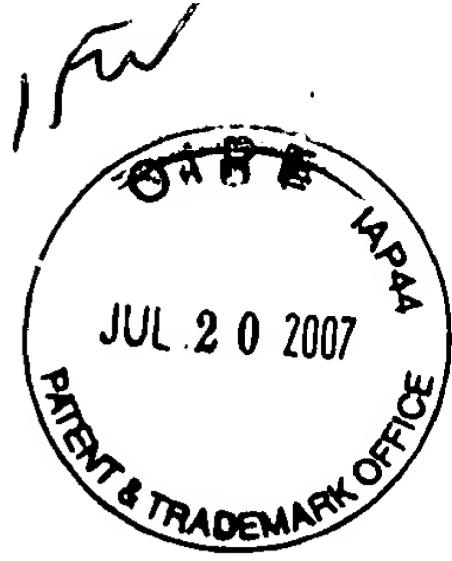


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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed November 14, 2001, July 3, 2002, and June 8, 2006, and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 2.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following information, which includes documents cited in an European Office Action dated May 30, 2007, issued in connection with corresponding European Application No. EP 96 938 454.4. In particular, the European Examiner cited:

P. WILLETT, "Searching for Pharmacophoric Patterns in Databases of Three-Dimensional Chemical Structures", Journal of Molecular Recognition, Vol. 8, pp. 290-303 (1995);

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C. PEPPERRELL et al., "Implementation and Use of An Atom-Mapping Procedure for Similarity Searching in Databases of 3-D Chemical Structures", *Tetrahedron Computer Methodology*, Vol. 3, No. 6C, pp. 575-593 (1990);

T. HAGADONE, "Molecular Substructure Similarity Searching: Efficient Retrieval in Two-Dimensional Structure Databases", *J. Chem. Inf. Comput. Sci.*, Vol. 32, pp. 515-521 (1992);

A. BRINT et al., "Pharmacophoric Pattern Matching in Files of 3D Chemical Structures: Comparison of Geometric Searching Algorithms", *Journal of Molecular Graphics*, Vol. 5, No. 1, pp. 49-56 (1987); and

G. BEMIS et al., "A Fast and Efficient Method for 2D and 3D Molecular Shape Description", *Journal of Computer-Aided Molecular Design*, Vol. 6, pp. 607-628 (1992).

Copies of the above-listed documents and the Office Action issued in European Application No. EP 96 938 454.4 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

Under 37 CFR 1.97, "an information disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed by the applicant...[b]efore the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114." Applicants note that a Request for Continued Examination was filed on June 14, 2007, and an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued

since the filing of the Request for Continued Examination, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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